

FRANK M. DUFFY, Editor.

OUR BOOM.

At last, though late Clarksville seems waking up to the great possibilities that have lain so long neglected within her easy reach. The premonitory symptom of this awakening was the meeting at the Court-house last Monday night, for the purpose of organizing a land improvement company.

Omitting any details of the meeting of which a full account appears elsewhere, we propose now to show some of the many advantages which will ensure to our city from the success of the movement now on foot, and as a groundwork we give in full the proposition that forms the backbone of the plan. It is as follows:

Whereas, The undersigned with a view of increasing the business interest of the city of Clarksville and for their own individual profit and for the purpose of building houses, machine shops and other manufacturing establishments and for the purpose of promoting the construction of iron blast furnaces in said city, and with a view of making Clarksville a manufacturing city.

Do hereby contract with each other that we will form a company, the object of which shall be for the purposes aforesaid, and when subscription for that purpose in cash and land shall be made to the amount of \$100,000 then we will obtain a charter under the laws of Tennessee setting out fully the objects of the company, and said subscriptions may be made to the amount of \$200,000 upon organization. And in consideration of the benefit which we believe said company will be to us and the receipt of one dollar to each of us paid, we hereby bind ourselves to pay A. Howell, J. J. Crusman, C. G. Smith and Wm. Daniel and their associates, for the benefit of said company, hereafter to be formed as aforesaid, the sums set opposite our names; 20 per cent of which shall be paid on organization and the balance in not greater sums than 10 per cent every month until all of said sums have been paid. Those of us who subscribe lands bind ourselves to execute deeds to the lands subscribed as soon as the same shall have been organized, or as soon thereafter as practicable. When the said company is fully organized we agree that said Howell, Crusman, Smith and Daniel shall transfer our subscriptions to said company, and said company, shall have the same right to collect and receive the same as if the subscription had been made to it after organization.

When lands are subscribed, a committee to be chosen by the land company and the subscribers thereto, shall fix the value to be placed on said lands, and in case the committee cannot agree with the subscriber as to the value of the land the latter may withdraw. February 7th, 1887.

The booms that have been manipulated and through which many of Alabama's old towns have developed a sudden and almost unheard of prosperity have not the substantial foundation offered here. They acted like galvanism upon a corpse producing appearances of life, which will cease when the current is cut off, leaving them in a worse condition than before. With Clarksville the matter is entirely different, she is already a solid commercial town situated upon a navigable river and with splendid railroad facilities. Here then is competition in freights to begin with, a prime essential to the success of any city, she is surrounded by a fine agricultural and stock country and almost within her suburbs are inexhaustible hills of the finest iron in the world, within sixty miles of us on the north lie the great coal fields of Southern Kentucky, containing coal which experts confidently pronounce equal to the Pittsburg for manufacturing purposes.

We may remark here by way of digression that we were recently shown an analysis of some coke made from the coal of the Crabtree mines and the expert pronounced it equal in most and in several respects superior to Pittsburg coke. These mines are within a few miles of the terminus of the I. A. & T. Railroad. Coal then we have in easy reach and the iron at our doors. The eligibility of Clarksville as a place for bringing the two together and manufacturing iron cheaply is plain to every one. As was observed by Capt. Gracey, her advantages for securing iron and coal cheaply are excelled neither by Birmingham nor any place.

Any investment which is successful in bringing the two together here must be absolutely safe to the full amount put in. When the amount required is subscribed and the organization completed the stock will be capitalized, and increased to the extent of the company's ability and energy for carrying it on.

This is a feasible plan by which Clarksville can be made a manufacturing town with all the other benefits which grow out of such a combination of capital and brains. Organization is the only moving power which can bring about this consummation so devoutly to be wished.

Those having lands to dispose of will find here a sure and easy way doing so and in a manner that will undoubtedly yield a handsome return. For this reason people desiring to do so can subscribe land at a reasonable cash valuation, such subscriptions make the

enterprise a success and success adds to the value of the stock. For instance, a man subscribes land worth \$1,000 and gets in return \$1,000 in paid up stock. This stock when the organization is completed will be capitalized at about \$7.50 on the dollar of the amount actually paid in, giving the subscriber \$7,500 worth of stock. Then upon the general advance of prosperity growing out of the industries organized, such stock can be easily sold at 25 cents on the dollar which would net him \$1,875, for the land he was willing to dispose of for \$1,000.

Capt. Gracey said that if the company was successful in securing the building of a furnace here in his opinion the L. & N. would extend the I. A. & T. to Dickson's station without asking one cent from the people of Clarksville.

The extension of this road will guarantee the cheap transportation of iron ore, as the benefit would be mutual, the road helping the furnace and the furnace helping the road. This is one of the advantages of the company. It secures us something we cannot get without organization and the combination of brains and capital.

Will Clarksville let this opportunity slip and allow people outside to come in and reap the benefits of our geographical position and other advantages? The proposition is open to everybody, made so purposely in order that the poor may be benefited as well as the rich. That is, that every laboring man who can spare \$100, may now come in and receive whatever benefits may grow out of the organization.

THE President has signed the Interstate Commerce bill, and the next question is, who will be the Commissioners? It is a very serious question, too, for upon the character of the men appointed to these positions will depend the success or failure of the law.

KENTUCKY gubernatorial candidates are as thick as flies in August. We don't like to thrust our ear into the turbid waters of Kentucky politics, but our friends over the line must look a long time before they find a better man and a better Democrat than Hon. Quinine Jim McKenzie.

To the Honorable John F. House late candidate for Senator—Dear Colonel: Tige did "bite the army" to some extent, didn't he?—*Lebanon Herald*.

No he didn't bite the army, but he is still at his old trade, barking at the heels of everybody. His name, however, has been changed. He isn't called Tige any more, he is now called R. L. C. White.

THE New Era of Tuesday contained the "Confession of a Republican." We hope the Era man gave the penitent absolution after the confession conditioned, however, upon his doing penance. The penance we would suggest for such a reprobate would be hanging, drawing and quiting his mortal part and the roasting of his soul, if a Republican has a soul, about 14,000,000 years in the hottest corner of the everlasting lake of brimstone which poets write of.

THE Godwin murder trial was the means of dumping a flood of filth upon the community, enough to gratify the curiosity of the most prurient lover of erotic cussedness. As a result of these publications some poor water brained devil, male or female or both, prompted by that love of notoriety which becomes a mania which some people will commit, atrocious to get himself or herself talked about.

Greenwood Items.

A large number of wagons loaded with loose tobacco have passed our street on the way to the rehandling houses in the city.

J. Sterling Neblett, agent for the "Issue," the Prohibition organ, at Nashville, wants everybody to subscribe for it. He thinks it is nearly equal to Holy Writ on the temperance question. Subscriptions, with the money, left with D. Mac Neblett, at the grocery, will receive prompt attention.

If any man, woman or child that ever knew the late and lamented Rev. Jordan Moore, can read what Dr. J. B. McFerrin says of him in connection with a private letter from his son, J. D. Moore, of this city, and keep the mist from their eyes, they are made of sterner material than should belong to our common humanity. In all the region hereabouts, "that true servant of God" was known and loved, and many there are who will read it with sad pleasure.

One of the greatest obstacles in the way of many who would carry their convictions unto practice, in regard to trying to fit themselves for admission into the church, is the fact that they see so many who profess to belong to the different denominations who ignore them unless they happen to belong to the "first circle of society."

It is, however, the would-be-first-class folks who do the snubbing, and not those who are really entitled to such

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appellation. When people really feel the benign influence of Christianity in their hearts, they are not guilty of such action towards others, and the inordinate love of fashion, style, frivolity, flummery and foolishness becomes disgusting to them; the golden rule becomes their motto, and they find great pleasure in seeking to bring all humanity within the pale of the church, and then let their fellowship be such that all will see how pleasant it is for "brothers to dwell together in unity." When the time arrives that a man is measured by his usefulness and goodness rather than by his dollars and cents; when every pew will hold rich and poor alike, who recognize each other as brothers then will the Christian religion be what the Savior of mankind designed it to be—and not till then. Its sublime teaching and mission is to do good—not merely appear to do so. Show us a fashionable church filled with a fashionable membership, and we will show you one that is doing but little genuine good in the world. We cannot "serve God and Mammon." The poor man who lives right and dies right, will find no class distinctions in the world to come. "So ends the reading of the first lesson."

The people of this world who worship their fine houses and crave to gather in this world's goods may miss worshipping in that "house not made with hands." This is a thought worthy of serious consideration. We are no preacher, but we have a right to "freedom of thought and expression," provided we do no injury thereby to any one.

There is but one vacant house out on Greenwood. We are not on a boom, but are holding our own remarkably well. Holding on to what you have often pays better than taking stock in "booms." But now that "old fogies" are laid on the shelf let young America take the reins.

You state, in your last issue, that W. P. Hume had been treasurer of the city for forty years at the time he was superceded last week. He has also been a member of Pythagoras Lodge, I. O. O. F., in this city for the same length of time—he having been a charter member and the only one now living who signed for that charter. He was, also, for many years the faithful and accurate cashier of the Planters' Bank and then of the First National Bank. He has been a member of the choir at the Presbyterian church nearly as far back as my memory goes—and has shown strict fidelity in every trust. Few things get hold of our emotional nature to greater degree than the sight of a once energetic, honest man who has to retire from active participation in busy life on account of affliction.

Miss Georgie Ramey, one of the most cultured and amiable young ladies of Greenwood, is at present engaged in teaching school on the South Side. She has about thirty pupils. She is fully competent to the task, and has, as we learn from one of the trustees, the best recommendation from our city school of any one who has taught school on that side of the river. She is entirely worthy, and we hope she may receive the reward that true merit deserves.

Mr. R. Ledbetter, as contemplated sometime ago, is moving from the Avenue to his Madison street house. We think him a man of too much practical sense to "get stuck up" just because he is going to live on the prettiest street in the city. Success to him, in his new quarters.

We ask your permission to return our sincere thanks to Mr. Miller, the proprietor of the "Clarksville Democrat," for his fraternal kindness in sending us his paper. In its general make-up and typography it is an excellent newspaper.

In this connection, also, allow us to tender thanks to our old friend, Frank Phillips, for his "Advance Gazette," published at Pensacola, Florida. May continued prosperity enable him to eat fat oysters and tropical

fruits so long as he has a foothold on terra firma.

Now as our hand is in, we desire to thus publicly thank Messrs. Brandon & Barksdale for the semi-weekly visits of the "Tobacco Leaf." That man would be hard to please who could not enjoy the variety and quality of original and miscellaneous reading furnished by the "CHRONICLE," "Tobacco Leaf," "Democrat," and "Advance Gazette." We now, more than ever, appreciate the advantage of a free press. To be remembered so kindly in our retirement, by the Press-gang, is gratefully appreciated.

Mr. W. A. Settle, whom we have known from his infancy, called to see us last Sunday. He is now one of our most energetic and enterprising citizens. From him we learn that his Electric Light Company will soon have it so arranged that any one can be supplied with this magnificent light at the most reasonable rates. "Let your light shine," gentlemen, and success to you.

Mr. Sterling Neblett has been quite indisposed this week, but is up and out at present. EM QUAD.

Chancery Sales.

FOR

FEBRUARY 19th, 1887.

H. C. Merritt, Adm'r. vs. Heirs and Creditors of Seymour Kellogg.

Pursuant to a decree of the Chancery Court at its October Term, 1886, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Court-House door in Clarksville, on

SATURDAY, FEB. 19th, 1887.

FIRST—The remaining portion of the homestead lot about 4 acres, which is bounded on the North by Wilson; East by Kellogg street; South by Joseph and Rexinger and on the West by a street.

SECOND—The lot lying East of the residence and bounded on the North by a street; West by Kellogg street; South by Young and Keesee and East by the Taylor property.

THIRD—The portion lot containing about 8 acres, which is bounded on the North by Ingram; East by Fitts; North by the Sampson property and West by Poston street.

TERMS OF SALE— $\frac{1}{2}$ cash, balance 1 and 2 years with interest. Notes and lien retained. No redemption.

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Thomas H. Smith, et als. vs. J. W. Shaw, et als.

ADVANCED BID.

Pursuant to a decree of the Chancery Court at its October Term, 1886, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Court-House door in Clarksville on

SATURDAY, FEB. 19th, 1887.

The following tracts of land heretofore sold in this cause upon which the bids were raised.

TRACT NO 2—Beginning at a post in R. H. Solomon's, West boundary line running West 81 poles to a stake, thence South 56 poles thence North-east to the beginning course 107 poles containing by estimation 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Bidding to begin on this lot at \$143.

TRACT NO 3— $\frac{1}{2}$ undivided interest in 28 acres conveyed to Thomas J. Shaw and brothers by James Kellogg, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a small hickory tree at Dennis C. Brant's corner, thence South 56 poles to a post oak, thence N. 56 poles to a stake in said Renson, N. boundary line thence East 80 poles to the beginning. Bidding to begin at \$94.

TERMS OF SALE—One-third cash, balance in one and two years with interest from July 31st, 1886. Lien retained. No redemption.

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M. E. Wilcox vs. Mrs. Lizzie Whitefield et als.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 19th, 1887.

The undivided interest of G. N. Whitefield, being one-sixth in remainder, in the tract of land in District No. 2, of Montgomery county, which was assigned as dower to Mrs. H. E. Whitefield in the estate of N. B. Whitefield deceased.

TERMS—6 and 12 months credit with interest, notes with good security and lien retained. No redemption.

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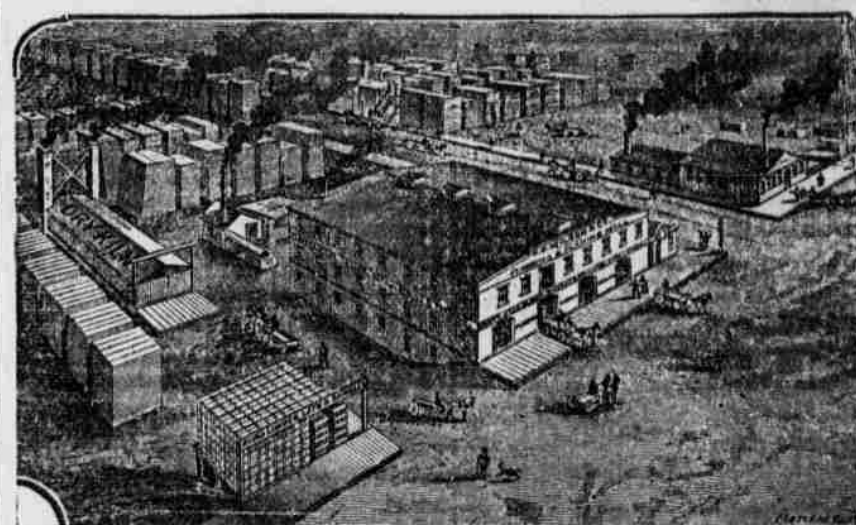
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